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1. The Steelworks and Rolling Mill in Hennigsdorf (N 53/Z 76), abbreviated SWM, is an enterprise of the VVB Vesta. The former designation of the plant was "Vereinigte Mitteldeutsche Stahlwerke, Stahl- und Walzwerk Hennigsdorf" (Combined Central German Steelworks, Steelworks and Rolling Mill Hennigsdorf). Until its expropriation in autumn 1945 the plant belonged to the Flick Trust.
2. The plant manager is Helmut Mensel, about 40 years old, a tailor by profession, and a member of the SPD and VVN. Mensel lived for about 10 years as emigrant in England, he now resides in Velten (N 53/Z 66). The technical manager and deputy plant manager is Dr. Kuentscher (fnu) who is about 50 years old, not a party member, and was formerly a military economics expert. Dr. Kuentscher lives in Hennigsdorf. Commercial manager is Schettler (fnu) who is about 45 years old, an SPD member and a merchant by profession. Schettler was employed by the VVB Vesta in Leipzig (N 52/E 21) until January 1951. He has been assigned to the SWM since 1 March 1951. The cultural director is Hans Mikinn, who is about 45 years old, a member of the SPD and VVN and a construction worker by profession. Previously, Mikinn was a teacher at the Karl Marx High School. Since July 1950 he has been living in the SWM. The chief of the personnel department is Feyh (fnu) who is about 53 years old and a member of the SPD and VVN.
3. The plant produces open-hearth steel, electric steel, semi-finished material, structural steel, and rolled wire. *

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